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SUBJECT: SHIPPING DELAYS IN SHANGHAI

1. AN EAST ASIATIC COMPANY OFFICIAL HAS REPORTED THAT CONGESTION IN SHANGHAI HAS WORSENERED CONSIDERABLY SINCE THE EARTHQUAKE. ONE OF ITS REGULAR, TWICE-MONTHLY LINER SERVICE SHIPS, WHICH RECEIVES PRIORITY IN PORT AND NORMALLY TURNS AROUND IN 4-5 DAYS, IS STILL IN SHANGHAI AFTER 12 DAYS. THE OFFICIAL SAYS THAT CONGESTION IN THE HARBOR HAS NOT BEEN THIS BAD SINCE 1973.

2. COMMENT: A BUILD-UP OF CONGESTION IN SHANGHAI MAY IN PART REFLECT DIVERSION OF SHIPPING FROM HSINKANG WHICH HAS PROBABLY STILL NOT RETURNED TO NORMAL COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.

(ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE CONGEN IN HONG KONG, EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR AN ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION EXHIBITION IN PEKING AND SCHEDULED TO LAND AT HSINKANG HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO TSINGTAO FOR UNLOADING.) IT PROBABLY ALSO IS A SIGN

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THAT RAIL TRANSPORT IN AREAS OUTSIDE THE IMMEDIATE QUAKE

AREA IS BEING STRAINED TO MOVE NORMAL COMMERICAL TRAFFIC
AND ALSO HANDLE PRIORITY SHIPMENTS OF RELIEF AND
RECONSTRUCTION MATERIAL.
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